

CLAUDE WRIGHT MANATON MAKES DISCOVERY

It is from Michael Griswold of Wethersfield, CT, that the Griswolds of Clinton Township are descended. Michael Griswold is one of the sons of George Griswold and Dorothy James of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, England. The name and number of the siblings of Michael Griswold is a matter of some discussion among Griswold historians (see page 2 of Volume II, Number 2, November 19, 1980, of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA for a discussion of this question).

One of "our" Griswolds, Claude Wright Manaton (2965 N. W. 154th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006), has conducted research in this area, and, in a November 1984 letter to S. Robert Powell, reported the following information: "... I have been able to verify beyond a doubt that Michael Griswold was a brother of Thomas and Francis Griswold, born in Kenilworth, Warwick, England, to George Griswold and Dorothy James. The record is contained in the Parish Register and I have seen it on microfilms belonging to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and kept in their genealogy library in Salt Lake City, Utah."

Claude Wright Manaton is the son of Evelyn Marie Wright and Claude Emerson Manaton, and grandson of Leah Matilda Stiles and Ira Charles Wright.

EDGAR ALLEN POE

Donald W. Powell, in the course of his research in American history, learned the following fact:

The executor of Edgar Allen Poe's estate and his official biographer is RUFUS GRISWOLD.

MISSING TEXT UN-EARTHED

Until August 1984, the complete newspaper account of the unveiling, on August 27, 1915, of the six-ton natural flint conglomerate stone, "IN MEMORY OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS TOWNSHIP AND THE FOUNDERS AND MINISTERS OF THE CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH," in Clinton Center Baptist Church Cemetery, was lost. Just before the Griswold Reunion, last year, however, Wyman Terrel came across a copy of the complete newspaper account and presented it to Alice Curtis Lund, who brought it to the Reunion with her and shared it with the members present. Donald Powell borrowed the newspaper clipping from Alice and had multiple copies made. If you would like to see a copy, contact Alice or Donald.

A fragment of the account of the unveiling is presented on page 3 of the November 19, 1980 issue (Volume II, Number 2) of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. The part of the clipping that was formerly missing is the body of E. M. Peck's history of the first settlers of Clinton Township and of the ministers of the Clinton Center Baptist Church.

Thank you, Wyman Terrel, for thinking of the Griswolds when you came across this important newspaper clipping.

THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

The national organization of Griswolds is called The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc. The descendants of Edward Griswold of Windsor, CT, Matthew Griswold of Lyme, CT, Michael Griswold of Wethersfield, CT, and Francis Griswold of Cambridge, MA, including collateral lineage once having the surname Griswold, are eligible for membership, upon proof of descent, together with their spouses and children. As descendants of John Griswold (No. 375A, married Elizabeth Crittenden), we are all descendants of Michael Griswold of Wethersfield, CT, and are, therefore, all potential members of THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

To become a member of THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC., you must prove that you descend from Edward, Matthew, Michael or Francis Griswold (see preceding paragraph). To do so, you must indicate your line of descent. As descendants of John Griswold (No. 375A) and Elizabeth Crittenden, our line of descent is as follows:

Michael Griswold (1)
Thomas Griswold (2)
Samuel Griswold (16)
John Griswold (88)
John Griswold (375A)

The numbers in parentheses have been assigned to the members of the Griswold family by Glenn E. Griswold in his books entitled THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ENGLAND - AMERICA, Volumes II, III. These numbers are important identifying labels and must be used when applying for membership in THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. in proving your descent from Michael Griswold. All of this information about our line of descent is very clearly spelled out in the Griswold issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA (Volume II, Number 2, November 19, 1980), copies of which are available from the Corresponding Secretary/Historian of the Griswold Reunion, S. Robert Powell.

To become a member of THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. contact any of the officers of the Association (names and addresses given below). Dues: students and retirees, \$8.00; single, \$10.00; family, \$15.00; patron, \$25.00; donor, \$50.00; life, \$100.00; benefactor, \$1,000.00.

In the Spring of 1985, the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion became a member of The Griswold Family Association of America, Inc. A copy of the June, 1985, issue of the national newsletter (Richard Griswold, Jr., Editor) was received this Summer and is kept with the official records of the Secretary of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion, Donald W. Powell. If you would like to read this issue of the national newsletter, speak to Donald.

In addition, when membership in the national organization was taken out, the Secretary of the Clinton Township Griswold Reunion purchased (\$2.75) for the Reunion a copy of THE GRISWOLD FAMILY IN ENGLAND BEFORE 1639, A Report of the Findings of Bonnie Boone Day Griswold and James Wells Griswold, 1984. This report is also kept with the official records of the Reunion, and if you would like to read it, speak to Donald.

The officers of THE GRISWOLD FAMILY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. for 1983-1985 are:

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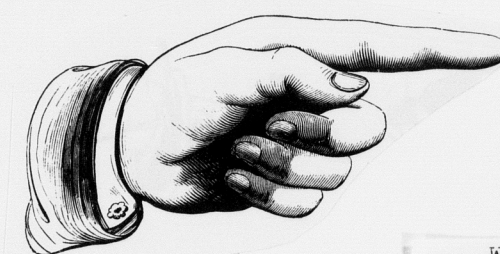
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We need your financial support and help even if you can't attend the Clinton Center Pioneer Day/Griswold Reunion.

It takes money to produce:

- the announcement of the joint celebration (Clinton Center Pioneer Day/Griswold Reunion),
- the CLINTON CENTER PIONEER DAY and GRISWOLD REUNION NEWSLETTER,
- the 1985 Griswold Reunion Information Sheet,
- the very page that you are now reading.

It takes money to buy the envelopes and pay the postage fees to mail all of the above items to you.

THEREFORE, if you are unable to attend the Clinton Center Pioneer Day, it is important that you send a donation to the Clinton Center Pioneer Day Committee (Alice C. Lund, Chairman) to be included in the free-will offering that will be taken during the Historical Program on August 25th.

Alice Curtis Lund, Chairman
Clinton Center Pioneer Day Committee
Clinton Center Baptist Church
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THEREFORE, if you are unable to attend the 79th Annual Business Meeting of the Griswold Reunion on August 25th, it is important that you send a donation to the Griswold Reunion, c/o the Secretary/Treasurer, to be included in the free-will offering that will be taken during the 79th Annual Business Meeting.

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